

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently amended) ~~The electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus according to claim 2,~~ An electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus comprising:

a manipulation unit for selection of a desired electronic copyrighted work,

a copyright royalty information storage unit storing copyright royalty information of an electronic copyrighted work,

a copyrighted work data storage unit storing electronic copyrighted work data,

a copyright royalty calculation unit calculating a copyright royalty of an electronic copyrighted work selected through said manipulation unit based on the copyright royalty information stored in said copyright royalty information storage unit,

a communication unit transmitting to an external source the copyright royalty calculated by said copyright royalty calculation unit,

a copyrighted work data write unit writing into a recording medium electronic copyrighted work data corresponding to the electronic copyrighted work selected through said manipulation unit out from electronic copyrighted work data stored in said copyrighted work data storage unit;

a sales information recording unit recording sales status of a relevant electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus;

~~further comprising~~ an identification information storage unit storing identification information of an electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus, and

a sales information control unit sensing attachment of a sales information readout card corresponding to the identification information stored in said identification information storage unit, and reading out sales status recorded in said sales information recording unit.

4. (Previously presented) The electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said sales information control unit reads out the sales status recorded in said

sales information recording unit by reading out and executing a portion of a program corresponding to the identification information stored in said identification information storage unit and a remaining portion of said program recorded in said sales information readout card.

Claims 5-7 (Cancelled).

8. (Previously presented) A copyright management apparatus comprising:
a communication unit,
a copyright information storage unit storing copyright information of an electronic copyrighted work to be sold,
a copyright royalty data storage unit storing, for each of a number of copyright holders, copyright royalty data received by said communication unit, and
a copyright royalty data approval processing unit causing said communication unit to transmit to an external source copyright royalty data recorded in said copyright royalty data recording unit after an approval of said copyright royalty data stored in said copyright royalty data storage unit is received.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

10. (Previously presented) An electronic copyrighted work distribution management system comprising:
an electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus selling an electronic copyrighted work,
a copyright management apparatus administering a copyright royalty of an electronic copyrighted work sold by said electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus,
a seller terminal used by a seller, and
a copyright holder terminal used by a copyright holder,
wherein said electronic copyrighted work sales apparatus includes
a manipulation unit for selection of a desired electronic copyrighted work,

a copyright royalty information storage unit storing copyright royalty information of an electronic copyrighted work,

a copyrighted work data storage unit storing electronic copyrighted work data,

a copyright royalty calculation unit calculating a copyright royalty of an electronic copyrighted work selected through said manipulation unit according to the copyright royalty information stored in said copyright royalty information storage unit,

a first communication unit transmitting to said copyright management apparatus the copyright royalty calculated by said copyright royalty calculation unit, and

a copyrighted work data write unit writing into a recording medium electronic copyrighted work data corresponding to the electronic copyrighted work selected through said manipulation unit out from electronic copyrighted work data stored in said copyrighted work data storage unit,

wherein said copyright management apparatus includes

a second communication unit receiving from said copyrighted work sales apparatus copyright royalty data of an electronic copyrighted work sold,

a copyright information storage unit storing copyright information of an electronic copyrighted work to be sold,

a copyright royalty data storage unit storing for each copyright holder copyright royalty data received by said second communication unit according to the copyright information stored in said copyright information storage unit, and

a copyright royalty data approval processing unit causing said second communication unit to transmit copyright royalty data recorded in said copyright royalty data storage unit to said seller terminal when the copyright royalty data stored in said copyright royalty data storage unit is approved from said copyright terminal.

Claims 11-26. (Cancelled).